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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Graham O'DONNELL et al
Serial No.: New
Filed: April 13, 2000
For: A REMOTE TERMINAL UNIT ASSEMBLY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 3-18, line 1 of each, delete "or 2".

REMARKS

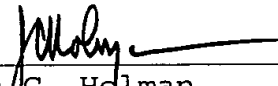
The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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